station as against only at place of occurrence earlier.

(b) Number of adjournments in each case restricted to three.

(c) RCT to pronounce an order within 21 days after the date of final hearing.

(d) To provide information with regard to status of pending cases and judgments of the Tribunal on internet, the functioning of RCT is being computerized.

2. Administrative measures in regard to expeditious settlements of Accident cases—

(i) An accident cell is set up under the Chief Claims officer which monitors all cases of death, injury for providing relief.

(ii) Accident cell monitors the preparation of written Statements and supporting documents to facilitate early settlement of cases.

(iii) After the decree has been passed, a copy of the judgment is obtained and the cheque is prepared at the earliest.

3. Administrative measures in regard to Goods claims.

(i) Single window clearance for major commodities for expeditious settlement of claims cases.

(ii) Officers of Claims office and Accounts interact regularly to remove bottlenecks for early claims settlement.

(iii) Target time is laid down for claims settlement of different commodities and efforts made to process the cases within the time frame.

(iv) Regular meetings held with important customers for finalizing their claims.

Conversion of Kanpur-Kasganj-Bareilly section

686. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the section of Kanpur-Kasganj-Agra and Kasganj-Bareilly metre rail lines have been converted into broad gauge; and

(b) if not, the time by which the above conversion work is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No target date for completion of the project has yet been fixed. The completion would depend upon availability of resources.

Improvement in working condition of Railway Staff

687. SHRI SHAHID SIDDQUI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways have implemented the Khanna Committee Report to improve the working conditions of the Railway Staff, particularly the Drivers;

(b) what action is being taken to improve the visibility of signals of Rail Tracks especially at accident points; and

(c) action taken to improve the living conditions, of Rail Drivers at various Railway stations where they have to stay temporarily while discharging their duty?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) Improvement in the working condition of drivers is an ongoing process. Action has been initiated on the recommendations of Khanna Committee. Some recent steps taken are as under:

* Competition of most crew friendly cab was held.
* Good features to be incorporated in the drivers cabs have been standardized and Railways asked to implement them. Full implementation of these instructions will lead to safe and fatigue free driving.

(b) Following action is being taken to improve the visibility of signals:

* In Semaphore signaling territory, locations, where the visibility is to be improved, are identified jointly by field supervisors during regular foot plate inspection. Action is thereafter taken by way of